

SENATE BILL 27

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57,
relative to identification for alcohol sales.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-5-301, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1) and substituting instead:

(1) A permit holder engaging in the business regulated by this chapter or any employee of the permit holder shall not make or permit to be made any sales to minors or persons visibly intoxicated. Prior to making a sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption, the adult consumer whose physical appearance does not reasonably demonstrate an age of fifty (50) years or older must present to the permit holder or any employee of the permit holder a valid or expired, government-issued document, such as a driver license or other form of identification deemed acceptable to the permit holder that includes the photograph and birth date of the adult consumer attempting to make a beer purchase. Persons exempt under state law from the requirement of having a photo identification must present identification that is acceptable to the permit holder. The permit holder or employee shall make a determination from the information presented whether the purchaser is an adult. In addition to the prohibition of making a sale to a minor, no sale of beer for off-premises consumption shall be made to a person who does not present such a document or other form of identification to the permit holder or any employee of the permit holder. Responsible vendors shall post signs on the vendor's premises informing customers of the vendor's policy against selling beer to underage persons. The signs shall be not less than eight and one-half inches by eleven inches (8½" x 11"), and contain the following language: STATE LAW

REQUIRES IDENTIFICATION FOR THE SALE OF BEER TO PERSONS WHO APPEAR YOUNGER THAN 50. Neither the person engaging in such business nor persons employed by that person shall be a person who has been convicted of any violation of the laws against possession, sale, manufacture, and transportation of intoxicating liquor or any crime involving moral turpitude within the last ten (10) years.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.